Assistance to Poor for Hospitalisation

2850. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a scheme namely "An Assistance towards expenditure on Hospitalisation of the poor";

(b) if so, how many States have come forward to utilize this scheme; and

(c) how many poor persons from all over the country have been treated under this scheme during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following States have set up the Illness Assistance Fund and received the grant-in-aid, as per the scheme.

(1) Karnataka

(2) Madhya Pradesh

(3) Tripura

(4) Andhra Pradesh

(5) Tamil Nadu

(6) Himachal Pradesh

(7) Jammu and Kashmir

(8) Maharashtra

(9) West Bengal

(10) Kerala

(11) Mizoram

(12) Rajasthan

(13) Goa

(14) Gujarat

(15) Sikkim

(16) Bihar

(c) Information is being collected and would be furnished subsequently.